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| <p>All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This communication is responsive to <u>11/06/00</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>9-11</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> Some* <input type="checkbox"/> None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> received.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</p> <p>*Certified copies not received: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).</p> <p>A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.</p> <p>Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.</p> <p>Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.</p> <p>Attachment(s)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited, PTO-892</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). <u>6</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary, PTO-413</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</p> | | |

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DETAILED ACTION

The letter and PTO-1449 was received an examiner knowledge receiving and considering prior art document US 5,441,122 - by adding initial on citation.

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melvin Jones whose telephone number is (703) 305-0251.



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